

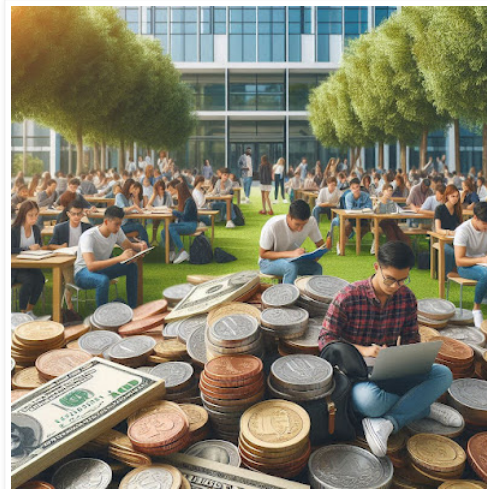
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It would be nice...



...if the cash coming into the state above and beyond the estimate made last June when the budget was passed resulted in more funding for UC. According to the state controller, in the current fiscal year through January, the state received \$9.7 million more in revenue than had been forecast, most of it from the personal income tax. This overage persisted even though the fires in the LA area likely reduced inflows from that region in January itself. Indeed, there was also an overage of more than \$3 billion compared to the forecast the governor used for his January 2025 budget proposal.*

All of that in normal circumstances would help UC in its lobbying at the legislature for more than the governor proposed.

Unfortunately, what might be normal in Sacramento may be offset by abnormality in DC and uncertainty about everything from federal aid for dealing with the effects of the fires to the many other inflows of federal monies to the state. There is also added uncertainty created by the fire-related decision to delay the deadline for tax filings from LA County, which complicates revenue forecasting.

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*<https://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD/CASH/January2025StatementofGeneralFundCashReceiptsandDisbursements.pdf>.

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For the record...



...we should have noted a week ago that the Regents met in a closed-door session on February 3rd to discuss selection of a new UC president to replace Michael Drake.

But with all the things going on in the world, we didn't.

So now we have. And since the meeting was behind closed doors, all we know is that as of February 3rd, they hadn't yet selected a candidate. Maybe they did at that meeting. Maybe they didn't.

There were actually two back-to-back

meetings:

Agenda – Closed Session

S1(X) Discussion Consideration of Matters Pertaining to Presidential Search with the Academic Advisory Committee

Source: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/feb25/morning-meeting-notice1.pdf>.

When that session ended, they had another:

Agenda – Closed Session

S1(X) Discussion Consideration of Matters Pertaining to Presidential Search

Source: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/feb25/meeting-notice.pdf>.

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Saturday, February 15, 2025

Don Shoup (1938 - 2025)



From the [UCLA Newsroom](#): *Donald Shoup, distinguished professor emeritus of urban planning, whose decades of teaching and scholarship at UCLA greatly influenced the field of land-use planning, as well as generations of scholars, students and urban planners, died Feb. 6 in Los Angeles following a short illness. He was 86.*

A UCLA faculty member since 1974 and a titan in the field of urban planning, Shoup was renowned for his pathbreaking research into how cities manage, or mismanage, parking spaces. This work, which demonstrated that seemingly mundane provisions in zoning codes had rendered many places overly dependent on driving, brought him academic accolades and made him a hero for a generation of urbanists determined to repair American cities.

Much of this prestige flowed from his landmark book "The High Cost of Free Parking," first published in 2005 and revised in 2011. In it, Shoup argued that when cities fail to price the parking on their streets, curb spaces fill up and become hard to find. Cities then compound the problem by creating, through zoning codes, excessive amounts of off-street parking. Together, he said, these errors result in

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increased traffic congestion, air pollution, sprawl, housing costs and global warming, along with a host of other economic and urban design problems...

Full news release at <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/in-memoriam-donald-shoup-86-renowned-ucla-urban-planner-and-parking-reform-pioneer>.

Yours truly did an interview with Don Shoup for the UCLA Emeriti Assn. in July 2023:

https://archive.org/details/shoup_Recording_1280x720.

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NOTE: The [LATimes](#) obituary shown above is at:

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2025-02-13/donald-shoup-ucla-professor-and-parking-guru-dies-at-86>.

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Maybe the First...



The American Economic Association (AEA) may be the first professional academic association to make the change below, but it probably won't be the last.

From an announcement by AEA tucked into the middle of a shopping list of other announcements:

Committee Name Change

The Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Professional Conduct is now called the Committee on Professional Climate (CPC). The committee's charge is to improve the climate in the economics profession, particularly for women and minorities, and to consider additional ideas to improve the climate for all those in the profession. For more information, go to:

<https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/cpc/about>.

Source: <https://www.aeaweb.org/news/member-announcements/2025-feb-12>.

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Protecting the House - Part 2

In the closing days of the Biden administration, the Dept. of Education issued guidance regarding Title IX which could have interfered with the pending **House** settlement regarding sharing sports revenue and NIL receipts.

The Trump administration announced Wednesday it is rolling back guidance issued in the final days of the Biden administration that said payments to college athletes through revenue-sharing agreements or from name, image and likeness deals "must be made proportionately available to male and female athletes." ...



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*A federal judge is set to sign off on the **House** settlement later this spring. Several athletes have objected to the plan, including some groups of women athletes who argue the revenue won't be shared equitably and will primarily benefit men who play football and basketball.*

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2025/02/13/trump-administration-rescinds-title-ix-guidance-athlete-pay>.

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Friday, February 14, 2025

Our Annual Valentine



Each year, we repost this Valentine for your enjoyment. (And we avoid thinking about how the happy couple shown later divorced.)



Or direct to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0dGRDvmO54>.

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2 Items for Consideration by the Senate - Part 2

Blog readers will recall our earlier post regarding an effort by the senate at UC-San Francisco to add various titles to membership in the senate.* These titles are primarily medical-related and, of course, UC-San Francisco is a medical campus.

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To do so, the various other campus senates would need to endorse the proposal and then the UC Regents would have to act.

UCLA's senate has rejected the proposals, which - if approved systemwide - would have substantially enlarged the senate's membership.



From an email of Feb. 11:

Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents

Legislative Assembly members voted via the Academic Senate Data Management System on the Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents. The Legislative Assembly cast a total of 134 votes: 22 Approve, 110 Disapprove, 2 Decline to Act. A majority of votes cast (82%) were to Disapprove this Memorial.

Health Science Clinical Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents

Legislative Assembly members voted via the Academic Senate Data Management System on the Health Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents. The Legislative Assembly cast a total of 132 votes: 15 Approve, 116 Disapprove, 1 Decline to Act. A majority of votes cast (88%) were to Disapprove this Memorial.

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*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2025/01/2-items-for-consideration-by-senate.html>.

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